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***bispecific antibody: CT, clinical trial**
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immunoglobulin G: CM, drug comparison
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TI Genetically engineered monoclonal antibodies for direct anti-neoplastic treatment and cancer cell specific delivery of chemotherapeutic agents

AU Bodey, Bela; Bodey, Bela, Jr.; Siegel, Stuart E.; Kaiser, Hans E.

CS Department of Pathology, School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

SO Current Pharmaceutical Design (2000), 6(3), 261-276

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PB Bentham Science Publishers

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CC 15-0 (Immunochemistry)

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AB A **review** with 180 refs. Classical therapeutic modalities such as surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy not only fail to cure the great majority of malignant tumors, but their employment often leads to severe and debilitating side effects. The severe cancer related morbidity is also in direct correlation with the use of x-radiation and chemotherapy, making them less than ideal forms of therapy. The development of hybridoma technol. and the advances in monoclonal antibody (MoAB) production have revitalized the initial concept of Ehrlich concerning the existence of cancer cell-targeted, specific "magic bullets". Entirely new approaches to cancer therapy that are neoplastic cell-directed, and specifically lethal to malignant cells and less toxic to normal tissues are being observed and developed, adhering to the old prayer: "Destroy the diseased tissues, preserve the normal.". Immunotherapy as a fourth modality of cancer therapy has already been developed and proven to be quite effective. Strategies for the employment of antibodies for anti-cancer immunotherapy include: Immune reaction directed destruction of cancer cells; Interference with the growth and differentiation of malignant cells; Antigen epitope directed transport of anti-cancer agents to malignant cells; Anti-idiotypic vaccines; and Development of engineered (humanized) mouse monoclonals for anti-cancer therapy. In addition, a variety of different agents (e.g. toxins, radionuclides, chemotherapeutic drugs) have been conjugated to mouse and human MoABs for selective delivery to cancer cells. Preclin. observations in athymic, nude mice using xenografted human cancers and mouse, anti-human MoABs were more than impressive and have lead to the development of clin. trials. Phase I studies established the safety of employing immunoconjugates in humans, but the in vivo therapeutic results were less impressive. The clin. use of mouse MoABs in humans is limited due to the development of a foreign anti-globulin immune response by the human host. Genetically engineered chimeric human-mouse MoABs have been developed by replacing the mouse Fc region with the human constant region. Moreover, the framework regions of variable domains of rodent Igs were also exptl. replaced by their human equivalent. These antibodies can also be designed to have specificities and effector functions determined by researchers, which may not appear in nature. The development of antibodies with two binding ends (bisppecific antibodies) provided a great improvement in targeting cancer cells. The existing inadequacies of MoABs in immunotherapy may also be improved by increasing their efficiency with chemical coupling to various agents such as bacterial or plant toxins, radionuclides or cytotoxic drugs. The astonishing immunophenotypic (IP) heterogeneity of neoplastically transformed cells, the different cytotoxic activity associated with the moiety linked to given MoABs, and mostly the impressive genetic modulation capabilities of cancer cells still remain as yet unsolved difficulties in the present immunotherapy of human cancer. In writing, this **review** article, one of our main goals is to encourage further clin. research with the use of genetically engineered rodent MoABs

and various immunoconjugates in the treatment of human cancer, as well as the combination of such immunotherapy with the three conventional modalities of therapy. Finally, we propose that MoAB-based immunotherapy be accepted as a conventional form of therapy and employed not only in terminal cancer patients but also, for instance, during and following surgical resection.

ST **review** immunotherapy chemotherapy anticancer monoclonal antibody

IT Drug targeting

(cancer cell specific; genetically engineered monoclonal antibodies for direct anti-neoplastic treatment and cancer cell specific delivery of chemotherapeutic agents)

IT Antitumor agents

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IT Drug delivery systems

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IT Antibodies

RL: THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)

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AN 2000271731 EMBASE
TI Emerging antibody-based HER2 (ErbB-2/neu) therapeutics.
AU Krauss W.C.; Park J.W.; Kirpotin D.B.; Hong K.; Benz C.C.
CS Dr. C.C. Benz, Division of Hematology-Oncology, University of California,
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SO Breast Disease, (2000) 11/- (113-124).
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AB Targeting HER2 (ErbB-2/neu) overexpressing tumor cells to selectively
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liposomal (Ls)-dox, and even over combinations of dox and Ls-dox with
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delivery of other anticancer agents as well as therapeutic nucleic acids
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TI ANTIBODY TARGETING OF ANTI-CANCER AGENTS.

AU Embleton M J; Garnett M C

CS Cancer Research Campaign Laboratories, Univ. of Nottingham, Nottingham, England.

SO Non-serial, (1985) Monoclonal Antibodies for Cancer Detection and Therapy. Baldwin RW, Byers VS, eds. Orlando, Florida, Academic Press, p. 317-44, 1985. .

DT Book; (MONOGRAPH)

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TI Immunotoxins for in **vivo therapy**: where are we?
AU Neville, David M., Jr.
CS Lab. Mol. Biol., Natl. Inst. Ment. Health, Bethesda, MD, 20894, USA
SO Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences (1987), 507(Biol. Approaches
Controlled Delivery Drugs), 155-64
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TI Fas ligand: a potential target for therapeutic induction of apoptosis and enhancing immunotherapy in cancer

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CS Department of Medicine, University Hospital, Cork, Ire.

SO Emerging Therapeutic Targets (1999), 3(4), 601-611

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AB A **review** with 98 refs. Fas (CD95/APO-1) is a cell surface receptor which mediates a potent apoptotic death signal upon engagement by its ligand, FasL. Since tumor cells frequently co-express Fas and FasL, the prospect of therapeutically stimulating autocrine suicide of cancer cells via the Fas pathway is tantalizing. To achieve this, mechanisms of acquired resistance to Fas-mediated apoptosis, inherent in cancers, must be overcome. Indeed, expression of FasL by Fas-resistant tumors appears to enhance malignancy by triggering apoptosis of Fas-sensitive antitumor immune effector cells. Therapeutic inhibition of this 'Fas counterattack' against antitumor immune responses might improve immunotherapeutic approaches. Although restoring the Fas-sensitivity of tumors and inhibiting FasL-mediated counterattack against antitumor lymphocytes have been achieved exptl. in vitro, transferring such approaches to in **vivo therapy** represents an enormous challenge.

ST **review** Fas ligand cancer immunotherapy target

IT Antitumor agents

Apoptosis

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Immunotherapy

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IT Fas antigen

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RL: BPR (Biological process); BSU (Biological study, unclassified); BIOL (Biological study); PROC (Process)

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